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SUB: NAMIBIA: TURNHALLE DELEGATES PLAN FOR INTERIM
GOVERNMENT

1. CAPE TIMES REPORTED MAY 3 UNDER JOHANNESBURG DATELINE
THAT THE "TURNHALLE DELEGATES ADHERE TO PLAN." ARTICLE CONTINUES:

"LEADING TURNHALLE DELEGATES ARE ADAMANT THAT THEY WILL
PRESS AHEAD WITH THEIR PLANS FOR AN INTERIM GOVERNMENT IN
SOUTH WEST AFRICA--A MAJOR STUMBLING-BLOCK THAT COULD
THREATEN ANY POSSIBLE INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION OF A
POLITICAL SETTLEMENT.

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"WHILE WHITE DELEGATES YESTERDAY CONTINUES WITH THEIR
INTENSIVE CAMPAIGN FOR A VOTE IN FAVOR OF AN INTERIM
GOVERNMENT, LEADING BLACK AND BROWN DELEGATES ALSO
STRESSED THAT THEY "STAND BY" THE TURNHALLE DECISION
FOR AN INTERIM ADMINISTRATION LEADING TO INDEPENDENCE.

"CHIEF CLEMENS KAPUUNO, THE HERERO LEADER, AND

MR. A.J.F.KLOPPERS, LEADERS OF THE COLOURED SECTION,
WERE CONFIDENT THAT SOUTH AFRICA WOULD INSTITUTE AN
INTERIM GOVERNMENT LATER THIS YEAR AFTER IT HAD BEEN
ACCEPTED BY THE WHITES IN THE MAY 17 REFERENDUM.

"HOWEVER, THE ISSUE COULD BECOME CRUCIAL IN FUTURE
TALKS BETWEEN THE FIVE WESTERN MEMBERS OF THE UN
SECURITY COUNCIL AND THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT.

" THE WEST HAS DEMANDED THAT THE TRANSITIONAL
ADMINISTRATION BE POSTPONED, BUT CHIEF KAPUHO REACTED
ANGRILY, SAYING 'IT IS NONE OF THEIR BUSINESS'."

2. SABA SUMMARIZED SPEECH MADE MAY 2 BY DIRK MUDGE,
DURING COURSE OF CAMPAIGN TO OBTAIN WHITE ENDORSEMENT
OF TURNHALLE PROPOSALS, AS REFLECTING APPRECIATION OF DEEP
WESTERN INTEREST IN SITUATION. MUDGE APPARENTLY SAID NOTHING
ABOUT RECENT TALKS WITH WESTERN DELEGATIONS IN CAPE TOWN,
BUT HE REPORTEDLY SAID THAT ANY SOLUTION HAD TO TAKE INTO
ACCOUNT THE WISHES OF ALL THE POPULATION OF NAMIBIA. IN
THIS VEIN, TURNHALLE HAD MUCH WORK TO DO TO ESTABLISH
ITS CREDENTIALS BEFORE THE WORLD AND PROVE THAT A
PEACEFUL TRANSITION WAS INDEED POSSIBLE.

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